

Subject: St. Mary's School of Law received the 2009 Law School Commitment to Service Award

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To: St. Mary's University Board of Trustees

From: Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., President

Re: St. Mary's School of Law received the 2009 Law School Commitment to Service Award

The Texas Access to Justice Commission has selected St. Mary's University School of Law to receive the 2009 Law School Commitment to Service Award for providing truly exceptional legal services to the poor. Annually, the Commission recognizes the law school that has most distinguished itself by actively educating its students about access to justice issues.

The School of Law will accept the award at the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony in Austin on Nov. 16. The Texas Access to Justice Commission was created by The Supreme Court of Texas to reduce barriers to the justice system and coordinate services for low-income Texans.

Please join me in congratulating Charles Cantú, dean of the School of Law as well as the committed faculty, staff and students who have dedicated themselves to fulfill the mission of the Center for Legal and Social Justice which, indeed, reflects the Marianist mission of outreach and service to society. And, a special thanks to both Ana Novoa, associate dean and director of the Center, and Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., campus minister, for their dedication and commitment to the law clinical programs that serve San Antonio and South Texas.